**Pre-Reading Questions:**

***The Great Gatsby***

**Directions:** Write down your response to each of the questions below. Be prepared to discuss your answers in class.

1. From the title alone, what are your thoughts about the novel’s themes and plot?
2. What is the American Dream? Does the Dream change from era to era?
3. Does a first person narrator influence the novel’s structure, integrity, credibility, and reader response?
4. Do you find it difficult to empathize with characters who are empty, shallow, and/or completely selfish? Why or why not?
5. Discuss a time when you felt like an outsider and tried to come to terms with this feeling, either by concentrating on another person or by turning your thoughts inward.